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TO : [REDACTED]
FROM : Chief, Materials Division

SUBJECT: External Research Project on Use of Fertilizer

REF : FRAN Despatch ECOT-1609, 17 December 1958, Secret

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1. Although M/AG is interested in [REDACTED] proposal to undertake an external research on fertilizers, no commitment can be made on such a project by 15 January. In any case, the release of funds required for the subject project would be contingent upon a staff study and approval which would require at least one month from date of submitting such project. Also, for your information, there is no assurance that funds would be approved because of the large demand for external research funds in ORR this fiscal year.

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2. In case such a project would be approved, it would be desirable that [REDACTED] despite their reluctance, do research on Part II, Section B of the outline for at least East Germany and the results of this research be given although not complete enough for publication. The study, Recent Developments of the World Fertilizer Market indicates some information is available on the consumption of fertilizers by specific crops for East Germany. On this basis, what can he do? Would you please explore with [REDACTED] how he plans to handle Section II D since the information for II B is not available. Does this imply that he will use analogous areas in Western Europe? If so, what areas?

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3. Answers to your questions in reference despatch are as follows:

- a. Six copies would be required for ORR
- b. There is normally no objection to the publication of such a study provided there is no attribution to contractor or restrictions to distribution within U.S. government.
- c. Method of payment is flexible and could be made contingent upon the desires of the contractee.

4. It is necessary for the staff study to have a break down of how the contract price will be expended e.g. salaries, reproduction costs, travel, fixed costs, etc. It is desirable to obtain this information as soon as possible in order to facilitate an early consideration of the project.

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